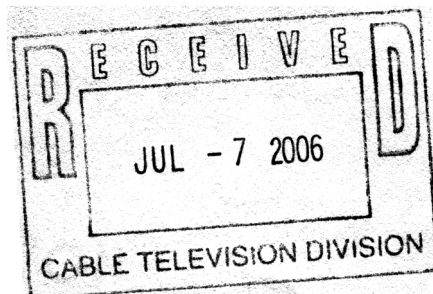




June 28, 2006

Alicia Matthews
Director, Cable Division
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110



Dear Director Matthews:

I am writing on behalf of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation to support a petition that Verizon has submitted to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) that would establish a shorter and more predictable timeline for the competitive cable franchise process.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, which provides Olympic-style athletic competitions and developmental programs for Massachusetts' amateur athletes of all ages and abilities, is supporting this reform because we believe in the benefits of competition. As an organization that fosters the spirit of competition in academics, sports and community service, we believe consumers across the state will benefit from more options for cable TV and broadband internet service. Quite simply, competition inspires all parties to strive for excellence -- leading to more enhanced offerings, better service and lower prices.

Verizon continues to be a good corporate citizen and has invested millions of dollars in Massachusetts to help ensure that Commonwealth is a leader in technology. The Bay State Games has directly benefited from Verizon's generosity and commitment to the community through their support of our organization for almost twenty years! Verizons' new video service, as well as its voice and Internet services, will be offered over the most advanced fiber-optic network in the country. I support the position that consumers deserve to have another choice for all of these services as soon as possible.

As a result of this new technology, the students we serve, along with their families across the state, will have increased access to educational and economic benefits that will help enrich lives. Please register our support for CTV 06-01 to help all citizens to receive the benefits of competition.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cummings
Executive Director

Cc: Director of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, Janice Tatarka
Chairwoman Judith Judson
Commissioner James Connelly
Commissioner W. Robert Keating
Commissioner Brian Paul Golden